GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:356
ANSWERED ON:07.04.2003
EXPLOITATION OF WORKERS IN GARMENT EXPORT FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers in most of the factories in the garment exporting sector in the capital are subjected to severe exploitation;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have issued any guidelines pertaining to wage structure/working norms and working conditions of these factories;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have evolved any mechanism to monitor the working atmosphere and welfare of workers in these factories; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 356 TO BE ANSWERED 07.04.2003.

(a) to (f): The appropriate government in respect of garment factories in the national capital is the Government of NCT of Delhi. Government of NCT of Delhi have informed that it is not correct to say that in most of the factory in the garment exporting sector in the capital, workers are subjected to severe exploitation. However, complaints are received and inspections are carried out to get the irregularities rectified.

The wage structure/working norms are governed by the various labour laws enforced by the Government of NCT of Delhi.Rates of Minimum Wages in the scheduled employment of ready made garments effective from 1.8.2002 are given below:

Category	Rates per month (Rs.)	Rates per day (Rs.)
Unskilled	2679.70	103.10
Semi Skilled	2845.70	109.45
Skilled	3103.70	119.40

Factories Act, 1948 provides for monitoring of working atmosphere and welfare of workers. It is a central act being administered by the Government of NCT, Delhi. It also prescribes provisions pertaining to health, safety, working conditions and welfare of workers employed in factories and inspections to ensure the compliance of these norms are carried out by the factory inspectors.